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Cambridge Liberal Democrats Members and Supporters Update

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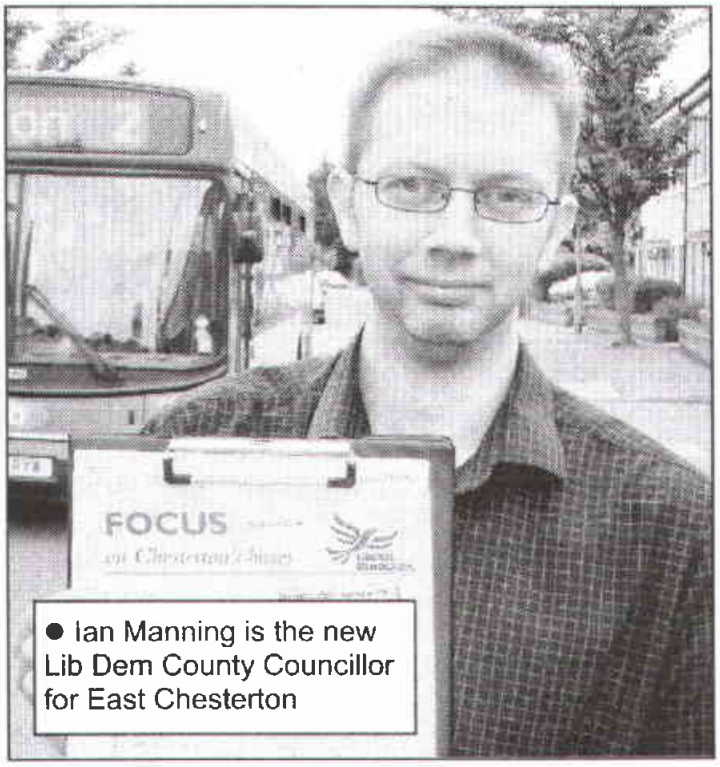
East Chesterton Success

A fantastic effort by local Lib Dem campaigners returns success for Ian Manning, who was elected to the County Council in September.



● Ian Manning is the new Lib Dem County Councillor for East Chesterton

New Lib Dem councillor Ian Manning would like to thank every single member and supporter who helped out in the East Chesterton by-election.

"Without the help of so many committed volunteers I may not have won in September. I'm very grateful for all the hard work by everyone who helped," said *Cllr* Ian Manning, who is still getting used to his new title.

The result in East Chesterton was a big success. The Lib Dem team managed to push the Tories into 3rd place, with just 334 votes to show for themselves.

Meanwhile, the Lib Dems increased their share of the vote from May this year.

Lib Dem ministers to speak to Cambridge Lib Dems

Liberal Democrat government ministers Paul Burstow and Norman Lamb will be visiting Cambridge in the coming months to address supporters in policy fora.

Paul Burstow will be visiting on the evening of **4th December,** while Norman Lamb will address local Lib Dems on the **20th January**.

Venue and topics are to be confirmed at a later date both on www.flocktogether.co.uk and on the local email lists (see box to the right)

Lib Dem Paul Burstow is Minister of State for Care Services

Pizza & Politics

You are invited to join Cambridge Lib Dems for an evening of pizza and political discussion at The Cow pub on Corn Exchange Street.

The events will start at 7.30pm on 16th and 30th November.

Do you get regular emails from the Lib Dems?

If you would like to join either one of our email discussion groups, contact Andy Pellew, Email Lists Manager, on andy.pellew@googlemail.com

Julian stands firm on fees

Cambridge MP Julian Huppert has said loud and clear that he **will vote no** to any proposal to increase university tuition fees.

In response to the Browne Review into higher education funding, Julian signed the NUS Tuition fees pledge for a second time on 13th October.

"I first signed the pledge during the election but I wanted to sign it again to make clear that I will **never support** a rise in tuition fees," said Julian.

"The idea of abstaining is just not enough for me. I made a pledge to vote **against** a rise and I will stick to it."

● Julian Huppert re-signing the NUS pledge with local students

Renewal time?

Make your membership subs go further in one simple step.

If your membership of the Lib Dems is due for renewal, you should receive a letter soon from head office asking if you wish to sign up to renew by Direct Debit.

Direct Debit subscription is not just the simplest way to keep your membership up to date.

It also cuts down our costs, so more of your money will make it to where it needs to be.

If you would like to sign up to Direct Debit, please fill in the form below.

Can you attend our stuffing parties?

Have you ever wondered how these letters get to you?

We have a fantastic base of volunteers in Cambridge, without whom we would never be able to achieve the success that we do.

One of our important volunteer groups is our regular stuffing parties, held at Signet Court.

Almost all Lib Dem letters that we send to members and constituents have been stuffed by hand at a friendly stuffing party that doubles up as a chance to meet other Lib Dems over a cup of tea.

If you're able to make it, our upcoming stuffing parties are from 2pm-4pm at 16 Signet Court on:

Thurs 11th November
Fri 19th November
Mon 22nd November
Tues 30th November
Weds 8th December

Local elections May 2011

Are you interested in being a candidate for election to the City Council next year?

If you think that this could be something for you, please get in touch with Catherine Smart as soon as possible.

Contact details:

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How can you help?

I would like to: (please tick)

- ❑ Deliver **Focus** in my area
- ❑ Join the party/renew my membership by direct debit
- ❑ Display a poster at election time
- ❑ Make a donation to Cambridge Liberal Democrats:

❑£10 ❑£20 ❑£50 ❑Other

Name: .....

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